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### **Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent From Previous Year**

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2010 totaled 205,000 head, 2 percent below the April 1, 2009 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory is up 10,000 head from the March 1, 2010 inventory of 195,000 head. Placements of cattle in state feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 34,000 head, up 8,000 head from March 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during March totaled 23,000 head, down 7,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during March.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 485,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

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